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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: TIME TO DO COMPREHENSIVE CURBSIDE RECYCLING, NOT JUST GREEN WASTE

Today, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced a bill to mandate the City go to curbside recycling by January 1, 2007.

“Mufi Hannemann has come up with a good short-term solution with green waste recycling. Nevertheless, while I respect the problems Mayor Hannemann raised regarding curbside recycling of all recyclable materials including glass, paper and plastic, this is still an important project we must undertake in the long-term. The problems with a comprehensive curbside recycling program are simply not insurmountable and I want to work with the administration to overcome these difficulties. We need to set a clear target date for the City government to undertake a comprehensive recycling program. That is why I introduced a bill today to mandating a comprehensive curbside recycling program start on Oahu by January 1, 2007,” stated Councilmember Djou.

“Last December, the City Council made a difficult decision where to locate our municipal landfill. We need a total recycling program if we want to avoid future landfill fights that divide our community,” added Djou.

In 2003, then-Mayor Jeremy Harris proposed a curbside recycling program. In 2004, the City Council initially cut funding for a curbside recycling program, but an amendment introduced by Councilmember Djou restored funding for this project. Last month, Mayor Hanneman killed the City’s comprehensive curbside recycling program.

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